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## Day 1 | Welcome to Copenhagen



Embrace the enchanting Danish capital that inspired Hans Christian Andersen to share tales of mermaids, queens and ugly ducklings with the world. Spend the day discovering the quintessential hygge found throughout its charming streets before enjoying an orientation drive at 17:00 followed by a light supper with your Travel Director and travel companions.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Marriott

## Day 2 | Explore Historic Copenhagen



Join a Local Specialist today for a fascinating sightseeing tour of the iconic sights of Copenhagen. The Amalienborg Palace Quarter takes center stage as you admire its 18<sup>th</sup> century façades and equine statue of King Frederik V at its center. We'll see the 17<sup>th</sup> century Stock Exchange, Christiansborg Palace and the Neoclassical Cathedral before paying tribute to the tragic Little Mermaid who was willing to give up her life in the sea to become human. Enjoy time to explore on your own, strolling through the city's streets, or embrace your inner child in Europe's oldest amusement park, the Tivoli Gardens.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Marriott

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**North Zealand Riviera and Castle Tour** - Enjoy the quaint scenery of the Danish Riviera's conservation heritage route, as you pass through ancient fishing villages and modern marinas. Gain an introduction to coastal life in Scandinavia before continuing to the magnificent Frederiksborg Castle, a palatial residence built by the royal family in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

**Green Hills and Hygge** - First, a visit to the top of Copenhagen's modern mountain, with the best views over the Baltic city. As Danes enjoy their summer skiing, we will learn about the vision behind this amazing project: the building, architecture and sustainability of the hill and its power plant inside. Then, to the fairy-tale village of Dragør, with its thatched cottages and pretty working harbor. You'll wander past tiny houses, learn a little of the history and enjoy a taste of traditional Danish specialties.

Adult: 75.00 EUR

**Wonderful Copenhagen** - Denmark is probably the closest you'll be to living in a fairytale land, and today we are guided from once upon a time to happily ever after. We visit the crown jewels guarded in Rosenborg Castle, walk through the Latin quarter to see the Round Tower and Copenhagen Cathedral where King Frederik and Queen Mary were married, as well as visiting the picturesque Nyhavn (New Harbor), embracing Copenhagen and the best introduction to romantic Denmark.



### Day 3 | Journey past Stunning Scenery to Randers



Start the day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Amager Fælled, a small neighborhood of Copenhagen. With a local guide, visit this nature reserve threatened by urbanisation and support a local organization working to protect this area. Leave Copenhagen bound for the Danish island of Funen and the city of Odense, birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen. This afternoon our journey continues across the pastoral landscapes of the Jutland Peninsula to Randers, with its cozy half-timbered merchant houses and narrow medieval streets. Tonight, we stay at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories – Hotel Randers, one of the most established hotels in the area, stylishly decorated with original artwork.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Randers

### Day 4 | Set Sail for Stavanger



Set sail from Hirtshals to the port of Kristiansand in Norway. Drive north past fjords, lakes and forests to the port city of Stavanger, one of Norway's oldest settlements – its heritage still evident in the beautifully preserved wooden buildings that date back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Scandic Stavanger City

### Day 5 | Onwards to Colorful Bergen



Norway's spellbinding natural landscapes provide an inspiring backdrop for our island hop from Stavanger. Arriving in Bergen this afternoon, we delve into the city's Hanseatic heritage, enjoying an orientation tour past the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Haakon's Hall, the bustling fish market and colorful Bryggen Quarter. This evening, we Connect With Locals over dinner at a special Be My Guest experience, visiting the Øvre-Eide farm, worked for five generations by the same family.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Thon Orion

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Grieg And Bergen Insights** - We'll head out along the fjord to visit the home of famous composer Grieg, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of the villa - the inspiration for many of his masterworks. You'll also explore Bergen on a walk through the historical lanes, and see stunning views of the city on a trip up the hillside by funicular railway.  
Adult: 56.00 EUR

**Discover the Vikings** - Just outside Stavanger lies the Hafrsfjord, home to a big Viking settlement. On its original site, houses from the iron age has been rebuilt where we will have a guided visit. From here we head to the Stavanger Archeological museum to uncover the amazing history of the most famous Scandinavian people.

## Day 6 | Bergen Your Way



Enjoy a full free day in the cultural center of Bergen or perhaps have lunch in the fish market. Consider an Optional Experience to Telavåg, which played a significant role in the secret North Sea boat traffic between Norway and Great Britain during World War II.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Thon Orion

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Resistance and Peaceful Traditions*** - Come with us as we explore the lost village of Telavåg, destroyed when the German army discovered the villagers' support of the resistance in World War II. You'll visit the museum before we journey to a traditional Norwegian fishing village for coffee and local pancakes.

Adult: 53.00 EUR

## Day 7 | Enjoy the Spectacular Flåm Railway and on to Sognefjord



We drive east to the popular ski resort of Voss, where we'll board a train ascending over 2800 feet (860 m) above sea level. Dive Into Culture on one of the world's most exciting train journeys, through the Flåm Valley past the Kjosfossen Falls and legendary forest spirit who dances there to lure men into the mountains. Later, arrive in Sognefjord, the 'King of the Fjords', where we will stay overnight at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories, the Sognefjord Hotel located on a peninsula stretching into the deep waters of the fjord. Step straight from your hotel into the great outdoors and soak up the breathtaking views.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Sognefjord

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Fjords and Mountains*** - Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the UNESCO-listed Nærøfjord with its towering mountains and fabulous scenery. This stunning fjord landscape with waterfalls, snow capped mountains and tiny villages has inspired painters for hundreds of years.

Adult: 72.00 EUR



## Day 8 | Continue to Geirangerfjord



Norway's incredible glacier countryside surrounds us as we skirt the immense Nordfjord on the way to Geiranger – its deep blue waters surrounded by majestic snow-capped peaks and lush green landscapes, which we will have an opportunity to explore. Tonight, we stay on the shores of the fjord at one of Trafalgar's most spectacularly located hotels.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Havila

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Fjordland Farm Cultural Experience** - Visit a traditional working farm set amid the glorious scenery of the Sognefjord, surrounded by craggy mountains with views across the longest and deepest fjord in Norway. Get to know a typical Scandinavian family, and something about their day-to-day lives. Learn a little of both the history, which dates back to Viking times and present-day traditions. We'll also sample the local homemade delicacies.

Adult: 54.00 EUR

**Dalsnibba and the Majestic Geirangerfjord** - You'll enjoy views of the fjord from the famous hairpin bends along the Dalsnibba Pass, before we sail down Norway's most famous fjord. UNESCO listed, the Geirangerfjord is home to tiny farms, the Bridal Veil and Seven Sisters waterfalls, which you'll discover as we explore.

Adult: 75.00 EUR

## Day 9 | A Day at the Breathtaking Geirangerfjord



Spend a full day admiring this spectacular natural wonder. Cascading waterfalls tumble down sheer cliffs into the glacial waters below, which you can explore by kayak or boat, soaking up the crisp, clean mountain air. Consider an Optional Experience to the Trollstigen and see Norway's most famous mountain road, traveling past steep mountain slopes, tumbling cascades and fertile valleys. After a day in intoxicating natural surrounds, we dine in our hotel this evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Havila

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Trollstigen Explored** - Join us on one of Norway's most spectacular drives - the path of the Trolls. A masterpiece of Norwegian engineering, Trollstigen is rugged mountain scenery at its finest.

Adult: 61.00 EUR

*\*This optional is seasonal.*

## Day 10 | Venture to Historic Lom and Lillehammer



A scenic drive from Geiranger past high peaks brings us to Lom, the gateway to the Jotunheimen Mountains. Here we will Dive Into Culture and visit a 12<sup>th</sup>-century wooden stave church, adorned with Runic inscriptions, paintings and carved dragon figures that are said to protect it against evil. We continue through the Gudbrands Valley, the inspiration for Ibsen's 'Peer Gynt', before arriving in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. This evening before dinner, consider a walk along Storgata or visit the open-air museum at Maihaugen.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Scandic Victoria

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Treasures Of Lillehammer** - Explore Lillehammer's heritage on a guided visit to the charming open-air museum of Maihaugen, located on the hills above the Olympic Town. Step back in time to experience what life was like in Norway centuries ago, and understand how the unique Nordic lifestyle has shaped Norwegian culture through the ages. You'll also visit the extraordinary Olympic ski jumping arena, and take in the wonderful panoramic views down over the town and Lake Mjøsa. When available, a ride in the chairlift to the top of the ski jump will be included.

Adult: 48.00 EUR

## Day 11 | On to Oslo



See the unusual Olympic ice arena beside the lake at Hamar as we travel to Norway's cultural capital, Oslo. Join a Local Specialist who will share the city's iconic sights, including views of the medieval fortress of Akershus, the Opera and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Royal Palace. We visit the fascinating Vigeland Sculpture Park, before spending the rest of the day at leisure. Enjoy a leisurely coffee in the Akker Brygge District or explore the nation's rich seafaring heritage.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Scandic Solli

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**The Fram Museum** - Today we'll take a walk on the stunning marble roof of the Oslo Opera House, rising from the waves, before sailing across the harbor to visit the one of the most famous Norwegian museums. The 19th-century polar exploration ship Fram is the museum's namesake, it visited both the Arctic and the Antarctic more than a hundred years ago and is a must see!

Adult: 53.00 EUR



## Day 12 | Journey to Stockholm



We cross the border into Sweden today and continue via Karlstad on Lake Vänern, the largest lake in the European Union. Passing Örebro, we arrive in the island-ringed capital of Stockholm for a two-night stay. Tonight perhaps consider an Optional Experience to the beautiful and atmospheric Old Town - Gamla Stan.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Clarion Hotel Stockholm

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Old Town and Dinner** - Discover beauty and history combined during a walk in the fairy tale Gamla Stan, where little has changed since the 16th and 17th centuries. Then enjoy delicious Swedish cuisine in a popular local restaurant, with a drink included.

Adult: 71.00 EUR

## Day 13 | Discover Beautiful Stockholm



We meet our Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour of the waterside City Hall and see the medieval Storkyrkan, Riddarholm Church and the Royal Palace at the heart of Stockholm's quaint Old Town. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. Join your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner this evening to toast to an unforgettable Scandinavian adventure.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Clarion Hotel Stockholm

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Stockholm and the Sea** - Discover the delights of Stockholm from the water as we cross the city's stunning harbor before sailing through the tranquil Royal Canal on a tour led by our Local Specialist. Afterwards, a real life encounter with the past on a visit to the 17<sup>th</sup> century Swedish royal warship Vasa. Magnificently restored after spending three centuries on the sea floor, she now occupies a state of the art, purpose-built home designed to preserve her well into the future. A unique and unmissable experience.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

**The Cool Capital** - Discover the best views over beautiful Stockholm as we stroll through the old working class heritage area on Södermalm. Later, we visit the world's first Ice Bar and take a drink in glasses made of pure river ice.

Adult: 54.00 EUR



## Day 14 | Farewell Scandinavia



Our epic journey has come to an end. Bid Stockholm and your newfound friends a fond farewell.

**Meals:** Breakfast